

Appl. No. 09/698,107
Amdt. Dated Jul. 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action of Apr. 29, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for her careful attention to this case and for finding allowable subject matter in claim 9. Claims 10-14 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 9 and now should be deemed allowable.

Claims 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because claim 10 depends from itself and “said coiled coated substrate” lacks proper antecedent basis. By the amendments presented herein, claim 10 now depends from claim 9 and the phrase “said coiled coated substrate” has been deleted. Therefore, these grounds for rejection have been overcome. This rejection is therefore traversed.

The Examiner has found objection to the amendment filed on February 20, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. The Examiner states that there is no support in the original disclosure for applicant’s change of the term “woven” to “knitted.” The applicant respectfully disagrees. The applicant’s amendment was filed in order to provide consistency between the drawings and the text. Figure 1 in the drawings clearly shows fibers which are knitted, not woven. Applicant’s amendment is therefore supported by the original disclosure and adds clarity and consistency to the disclosure and claims. It is respectfully suggested that the Examiner reconsider her objection to applicant’s Preliminary Amendment and that it be allowed.

As part of this Response the applicant has taken the opportunity to correct the spelling of the inventor’s name and has included the required Abstract which was inadvertently omitted.

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All of the outstanding objections and rejections having been overcome by the applicant's amendments and argument presented herein, it is now believed that claims 9-14 presently pending in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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